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TO: Minerals File

FROM: Tony Gallegos, Reclamation Engineer *da*

RE: Site Inspection, Buena Ventura Resources Corporation, AROC #1 Mine,  
S/047/032, Uintah County, Utah

Date of Inspection: September 28, 1995  
Time of Inspection: 1500 - 1600  
Conditions: Overcast, cool  
Participants: Scott and Larry Allred - Buena Ventura Resources; Tony Gallegos  
and Lynn Kunzler - DOGM

Purpose of Inspection: To examine the site while in the area

We first met with Scott who described the current operations. It appears a small knob or finger on the southwestern edge of their pit has been pushed out. Scott informed us that a portion of the waste pile near the wash on the southern end of the AROC site has been removed. This material was removed for use as fill at the new sports park in town. This waste material was believed to have been initially placed near this wash during the earlier operations of the entire pit by the county. Partial removal of this material has helped clean up this wash area.

The AROC side of the pit is not as deep as the county's side of the pit. A ditch has been excavated into the asphalt material in the side of the pit to drain the water out of the AROC side of the pit. The ditch directs the water out of the pit along the northern edge of the old road before being directed into a pond at the base of the County's operation. The pond is located on the eastern border of the county's operation west and opposite of the nearby housing project. The pond is on one side of the paved road and the housing is on the other. The pond area is not very deep and has not been breached. There is no fencing of the pond area.

At the time of this inspection, there was evidence of water overflowing the diversion ditch and running down the road. This overflow appears to have run across the



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road and towards the housing area. Some small earthen berms have been placed on the road to help keep the water in the ditch, but the runoff has not been totally contained. There was also evidence of minor amounts of runoff leaving the mine area and entering the natural drainage located to the south of the pit.

The access road to the private side of the asphalt pit is gated with some minimal fencing beyond the sides of the gate; however, someone could easily walk around the fencing.

We later discussed the condition of the drainage ditch with Larry. We suggested they make attempts to keep the runoff in the ditch and in the pond. We suggested that before shutting down for the winter they should improve the ditch and berms to ensure the runoff does not get out of the ditch or pond. If their portion of the pit is low enough, they may be able to divert the water back into the County's side of the pit. Since the County usually adds water to their asphalt product this should not be a problem.

Another issue we discussed with Larry was the amount of surface disturbance at the site. With the current disturbance at the site, we are not sure it is still at five acres or less. The Division will enlarge the appropriate portion of a topographic map and sketch in what we think is the disturbed area border. This should provide a rough estimate of the disturbed area. Photographs were taken of the overall mine site and the various runoff control features.

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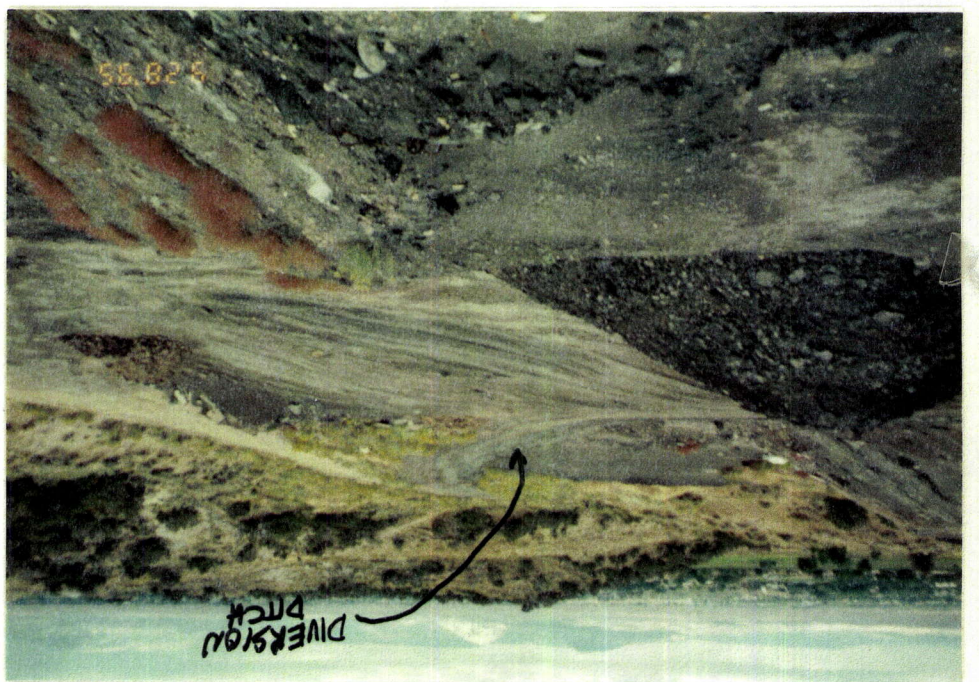
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